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Docket No.  
0707-00342 - G-00342/US

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111 and 37 C.F.R. 1.53 is the patent application of:

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For **Improved Boot with Articulating and Plunging Convolutes**

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Title

Improved Boot with Articulating, et al

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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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- 2.
- ☐
- Applicant claims small entity status.
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- See 37 CFR 1.27.

- 3.
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- Specification [Total Pages
- 18**
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- (preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

- 4.
- ☒
- Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets
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- a.
- ☒
- Newly executed (original or copy)

- b.
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- Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
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- Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
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- named in the prior application, see 37 CFR
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- 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

- 6.
- ☐
- Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

- 7.
- ☐
- CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or
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- Computer Program (Appendix)
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8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
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- (if applicable, all necessary)

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- ☐
- Computer Readable Form (CRF)

- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:

- i.
- ☐
- CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or

- ii.
- ☐
- Paper

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**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

- 9.
- ☐
- Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

- 10.
- ☐
- 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement
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- Power of Attorney
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- (when there is an assignee)

- 11.
- ☐
- English Translation Document (if applicable)

- 12.
- ☐
- Information Disclosure
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- Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
- ☐
- Copies of IDS
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- Citations

- 13.
- ☐
- Preliminary Amendment

- 14.
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- Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
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- 15.
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- Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
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- 16.
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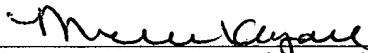
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